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Application guide

Ravensbourne



Applying to Ravensbourne

Ravensbourne offers everything you could want from your design or media course whether at undergraduate or post-graduate level.

There's its state-of-the-art building on the Greenwich digital peninsula in London. There's its creative and innovative teaching with plenty of ties to industry. There's the cutting edge facilities and technology that students will be taught to operate, as well as the Central Loan Resource which is packed with equipment such as cameras and laptops that students can borrow to develop their projects.

International students have always had a strong presence at Ravensbourne – last year's undergraduates came from 94 different countries. And each year we hope to welcome many more.

To be one of these students, you will first need to find the right course for you, check the entry requirements, review the fees – and look at the scholarships available. You will also need to research whether you will need a special visa to study in the UK, known as a Tier 4 student visa.

You will then need to submit your application including your portfolio and personal statement by the required deadlines and if you meet the initial requirements, you will be given an interview either in person – if you're already in the UK – or via Skype.

The process doesn't end with the offer of a place, as you still have to meet any conditional requirements before you receive your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) which you need for your Tier 4 student visa application.

This leaflet is designed to give international students all the information they need to help them through the admissions process and where it cannot answer all your questions, it points you towards the relevant section on the website.

Throughout the process you can also contact the dedicated International Admissions Team at Ravensbourne who can help to answer any questions you might have.

The application stages

The application process breaks down into three stages: the things you need to do before you apply, submitting the application itself, and what happens after you've applied. All applications need to be made online through the International Applications Portal (IAP) at www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply-international.

Before you apply

- Research Ravensbourne's courses at www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/courses to find the one that's the best fit for your future.
- Check if you need a Tier 4 student visa to study in the UK and make a note of the deadline for its application.
- Check the entry requirements for your chosen course. Note that academic qualifications can differ from course to course so be sure to look at the relevant section for the exact course you are applying for.
- Search our online international qualifications guide to compare your international qualifications with UK equivalents.
- Check the fees and costs for your course.
- Review the scholarship information to see what funding opportunities are available.
- If you are under 18, make sure that your parent or guardian is happy to sign the consent form and provide us with details of a UK based guardian.

Submitting the application

- Start your application as early as possible by following the link at www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply-international.
- Use our online guidance for advice on how to prepare a personal statement, portfolio or showreel. The personal statement needs to be a minimum of 500 words and explain your interest in the course, Ravensbourne and your future goals.
- Make sure you submit everything required, including: personal statement, portfolio or showreel, evidence of qualifications, UK immigration history form and any relevant scholarship application.



After you apply

- Your application will be checked to verify that you have submitted all the required documents and your portfolio.
- You will be sent a message via the IAP inviting you to academic and Tier 4 assessment interviews. If you are in the UK, these interviews will be in person, and if you are outside the UK they will take place via Skype. Please note that all communication from Ravensbourne will be sent via the IAP so remember to check your account regularly.
- You can expect to receive an outcome of your application within five working days of your assessment interviews.

Important dates

The sooner you can get your application in, the more chance you have of being offered a place. We do accept applications up until June, or later if a course still has space available. However, there are deadlines relating to the Tier 4 visa application process and Ravensbourne will not issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for courses starting in September after the following dates:

Course Level	Inside the UK	Outside the UK
Further Education – Foundation diplomas	August 15th	July 31st
Undergraduate – BA/BSc	September 11th	August 31st
Postgraduate – MA/MSc/MDes	August 21st	August 11th

From receiving an offer to beginning your studies

Once you have received an offer from Ravensbourne, you must take the following steps to be able to take up your place.



1. Your offer, conditional or unconditional?

If you meet every requirement for entry to your course, then you will be made an unconditional offer and can proceed to Step 4, Accepting your offer. However, if you still need to fulfil additional requirements, these will be laid out in your offer letter on the International Admissions Portal (IAP), and you will be made a conditional offer that is dependent on these requirements being met.

4. Accepting your offer

Once you have met all the conditions of your offer, there will be an Accept button located at the bottom of your offer letter. Click on this to accept your place. If you applied through UCAS or UKPASS, you will also need to accept the offer on the UCAS Track website.



2. Waiting for exam results

If your offer is dependent on exam results, you need to upload these to the IAP as soon as they are available, and bring the original documents with you when you enrol at Ravensbourne. The offer remains conditional until all academic documents have been supplied.



5. Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

If you need a Tier 4 student visa, you need to have a CAS provided by your place of study. Once you have an unconditional offer, we will send you a CAS Request Form via the IAP and ask you to: supply evidence of sufficient funds to cover your tuition fees and living expenses; and pay a 50% deposit of your tuition fees (see www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/international/offer-holder-information for details). Ravensbourne will only issue a CAS when you have met all the conditions and formally accepted your unconditional offer.



3. Meeting English language requirements

You will not receive an unconditional offer without proof of your English language ability. If this is dependent on the result of your English Language test, you need to upload the result to the IAP as soon as it is available and bring the original certificate with you when you enrol at Ravensbourne.

6. Applying for a Tier 4 visa

Within three months of your course starting date, and after you have received your CAS, you can apply for your Tier 4 student visa. This involves an online application to the British Government and a visit to a Visa Application Centre in your home country, all details are online at www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa. Please provide Ravensbourne with a copy of your visa once it has been approved.



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